

I am glad to be able to report that the Health of the town has remained at its usual high level. There has been a decrease all round in infectious disease. Even Tuberculosis was down, four fresh notifications having been recorded, three male and one female. There were three cases of Measles and one Scarlet Fever.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria has been carried out regularly. The total number immunised up to the end of 1945 was 605. There were no cases of Diphtheria.

Scavenging of the town should be improved by the use of covered carts to collect the refuse and take it to the incinerator.

Sewage Disposal remains as pre war and is not satisfactory. Plans for improving that, agreed on before the war, were postponed on account of expense and other difficulties, and should be reconsidered.

The Water Supply is still definitely unsatisfactory, many houses in the higher town being without water during periods of days during the summer months, while most houses suffer from an occasional shortage.

There is still much overcrowding in the town owing partly to the presence of Evacuees. Though that is not the only cause, more houses are badly needed.

The Number of Dairy farms registered in the town is four.

The Number of Retailers is six.

The Number of Producer Retailers is two.

There are no Licensed Pasteurising or Heat Treatment plants.

The Number of Slaughter Houses is two, one of which is registered.

It is hoped that it may be possible to deal with the unsatisfactory points which I have herewith brought to the notice of the Council, in due course.

